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FIRST NOTICE

This First Notice constitutes **EARLY** notice of events of **POSSIBLE** safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received **WITHOUT** verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Agency Staff at this time.

Date: August 28, 2001

Time: 4:00 PM (MST)

First Notice: 01-8

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At approximately 2:00 PM, August 28, 2001, the Agency received a report advising that a Troxler Model 3411B moisture/density gauges was missing. This information was supplied by the LICENSEE Radiation Safety Officer. The information supplied indicated that the LICENSEE was unsure when the gauge was taken. It was last seen on August 28, 2001 at approximately 3:00AM in a pickup truck at 1976 North Lemontree, Chandler, AZ. The gauge contained a 8 millicuries cesium 137 source and a 44 millicuries Americium 241:Beryllium source. The serial number for the gauge is 17677.. The retaining cable in the truck had been cut. Phoenix PD is investigating this matter, report # 0176390. The LICENSEE is offering a \$500.00 reward. The LICENSEE will be issuing a press release.

The LICENSEE and the Agency continue to investigate this event.

The states of Utah, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada together with the U.S. NRC, the U.S. FBI and Mexico are being notified of this event.

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